Employment Opportunities

†2298. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to give priority to the industries having labour oriented techniques with regard to foreign investment after Prime Minister's statement to the effect to "Enhance Employment";

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have selected such industries for the purpose of providing more jobs to the labourers; and

(d) if so, the details of such industries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) Tenth Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities during 2002-07. To create employment potential, Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sectors and sub-sectors such as agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health.

Rate of increase of labourers

†2299. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently undertaken assessment of the annual rate of increase of labourers in the country;

(b) if so, the rate of increase thereof; and

(c) the likely percentage of skilled, unskilled and trained labourers out of these increased labourers?

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THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per the estimates available from the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), labour force in the country on usual status basis grew at the rate of around 1.03 per cent per annum during 1994—2000.

(c) It is estimated that around 5.35 per cent of the labour force have received formal vocational training. This does not include those who have acquired training and skill through informal methods including training in the family.

Amendment in the labour laws

2300. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have amended the labour laws; and

(b) if so, the rules and regulations being included by Government in the labour laws?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Review of Labour Laws is a continuous process which is undertaken keeping in view the emerging needs of stakeholders. Accordingly, in the recent past, amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, the Trade Unions Act, 1926 and the Cine Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1981 were notified on 08.12.2000 03.09.2001 and 14.12.2001 respectively. As per provisions of the various Acts, rules and regulations are framed by the competent authority.

Abolition of child labour

2301. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States have failed in abolishing the menace of child labour for their respective States despite repeated directions from Government and the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details of such States and the details of industries in which these child labour exists;

(c) whether it is a fact that many children have lost their lives working in these factories/industries;